



# Winter District Update

## A Season of Music and Celebration

This winter, our talented students shined in two special performances. In January, nearly 200 students across grades 4 - 12 took the stage for the Winter Band Concert, featuring a guest appearance by former conductor Mr. Fred Eyrich, who played with the students and conducted a piece for the high school wind ensemble. Congratulations to Dr. Kugelman and all members of our instrumental music program for a job well done!



At the end of January, students, alumni, and special guests came together for another night of music and community. Some district alumni, including Anne Van Meter who sang in the program, joined students from elementary, middle and high school ensembles for a wonderful, warm night of music.



## New Elementary Clubs

This winter, Jenkintown Elementary introduced several new after school clubs, including Finance Club, Technology Club, Book Club, Buddies Club, Chess Club, and Girls on the Run. We look forward to seeing our students explore new interests and develop their skills in these engaging activities!



## Annual Holiday Breakfast & Concert

Before winter break, students and staff in grades 7-12 gathered on December 20 for our beloved Holiday Breakfast and Concert. This event is a cherished tradition, bringing our learning community together through music, laughter, and a shared meal.

## The Little Mermaid Takes the Stage

In November, Jenkintown Theater Arts wowed audiences with three sold-out performances of The Little Mermaid. Our students delivered an unforgettable show, dazzling the crowd with their singing, acting, and dancing.



## Career Day 2024: Inspiring the Future

Jenkintown hosted a special Career Day in honor of our district's 150th anniversary. We welcomed 27 speakers to the district before the holiday break, to share their insights and experiences with our students.

Many of the speakers were alumni or current district parents and family members. Students had a chance to attend six sessions, exploring a variety of professional paths. Thank you to Ms. Ashley Geary for organizing this valuable experience!

## Color Run Success

More than 100 students participated in our fall Color Run fundraiser to support the district's music department. Students had a blast taking to the field and being doused in all-natural color powder by the teachers.





## Homecoming 150th Celebration

October 25, 2024 was a night to remember as we marked our 150th Homecoming. Festivities included an alumni reception, the inaugural Jenkintown Hall of Fame induction, and an exciting football victory over Renaissance Academy. Our community warmly welcomed alumni back to the district, as we celebrated 150 years of community and education.

## Honoring Excellence in World Languages

Jenkintown Middle/High School inducted 26 new members into the World Language Honors Society this school year. Congratulations to these students for their dedication to language learning, and thank you to Mrs. Thatcher, Ms. Lamplugh, Ms. Nitkiewicz and Mr. Oliver for preparing and supporting our students.

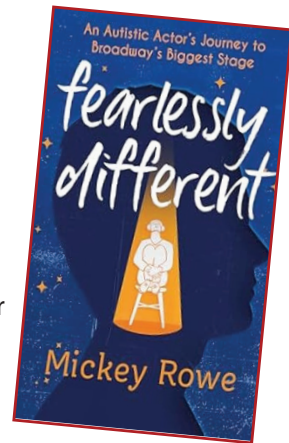


## 150th Events

- March 13-15** Jenkintown Theatre Arts Spring Show
- March** 150th Art Contest
- April 24** Alumni Talent Show
- May 2** 150th Day of School  
150 Acts of Kindness Challenge
- May 14** Renaissance Night  
Technology Expo
- May 28** Athletic Dinner Honoring  
Current & Alumni Athletes
- June 5** 150th Anniversary Picnic
- June 18** 150th Graduation Ceremony

## Guest Speaker Encourages Students to Embrace Their Differences

Students in grades 5 – 12 had a chance to hear from Mr. Mickey Rowe, a nationally recognized autistic and legally blind actor, author, and advocate, who spoke with students about overcoming challenges and embracing their strengths. His inspiring story encouraged students to consider that the qualities that make them different can become their greatest opportunities. Mr. Rowe has been a keynote speaker at organizations such as the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Kennedy Center, Yale University, and Columbia University, and has been featured on numerous national media programs. He is the author of, "Fearlessly Different: An Autistic Actor's Journey to Broadway's Biggest Stage."



## Engaging in the Political Process

As part of our commitment to civic engagement, Jenkintown Middle/High School hosted student-led assemblies on October 21 and 23 with Republican candidate Mr. David Winkler and Democratic candidate Ms. Madeleine Dean. Organized by our government and economics students, these discussions reinforced the importance of political participation. Thank you to Mr. Cunningham and the Social Studies Department for organizing these events.



## Athletic Achievements

The Jenkintown High School Girls' Varsity Tennis Team capped off an incredible season as the 2024 BAL Champions. Seniors Annaliese Wilson and Evan McCall also won the BAL Doubles Championship in a competitive final match against their teammates.

*Congratulations to our champions.*

**As always, we are so proud of our students, staff, and community for making Jenkintown a place of excellence. Wishing you all a wonderful spring season ahead!**